DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Census of Agricultural Stock.

Government Order No. R. 4042-4101—R. M. 33-29-4, dated 6th December 1929, directing that the seventh quinquennial census of Agricultural Stock in Mysore be taken in January 1930.

2. Letter No. C. 2056—29-30, dated 12th March 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner, submitting a copy of his review on the results of the census together with the consolidated statement and district returns received from the Deputy Commissioners.

(Printed as annexures.)

3. Unofficial note, dated 6th May 1930, of the Director of Agriculture in Mysore.

ORDER NO. R. 7643-61—R. M. 33-29-16, DATED 27TH MAY 1930.

1. Recorded.

2. The 1925 census was taken after two years of fodder scarcity, which particularly affected the maidan districts of Tumkur, Kolar and Bangalore. The figures of the census of this year show that in the five years which have elapsed, there has been a considerable recovery from the effects of the scarcity, though there is yet no return to the numbers shown by the 1921 census. As is to be expected, the recovery is most noticeable in the number of young stock.

3. The decrease in the number of bullocks may, as observed by the Director of Agriculture, be partly due to a number of animals of this class being returned as bulls, but it would be interesting to know how far the increasing vogue of motor traction, the export of bullocks, and an increase in the use of improved agricultural implements enabling the same work to be done with a smaller number of cattle, has been responsible for this result. The number of bulls returned works out to an average, of one bull for every 6 cows which even allowing for some inflation due to the probable inclusion of some bullocks in this class, seems to indicate an urgent necessity for a vigorous campaign of castration of unfit animals. Government trust that the Director of Agriculture will take suitable action in this matter. The figures indicate a marked decrease in the number of goats, which the Revenue Commissioner thinks to be probably due to the better guarding of State Forests by the Forest Department. As goats form a considerable item in the wealth of our rural population, the question of the facilities that might reasonably be created or extended to encourage the breeding of this class of live-stock is deserving of investigation. The Director of Agriculture is requested to go into the question and favour Government with his opinion.

4. These figures will be utilised in the preparation of Table V of the Tables of Agricultural Statistics for the ensuing years up to 1933-34, the figures for the Civil and Military Station being incorporated in the figures of the Bangalore District.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

ANNEXURE.

No. C. 2056—29-30, dated Bangalore, 12th March 1930, from Rajakaryapravina P. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Adverting to Government Order No. 4042-4101—R. M. 33-29-4, dated 6th December 1929, directing the holding of the VII Quinquennial Census of Agricultural Stock in the State during January 1930, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of my review of the results of the census together with the consolidated statement and District returns received from the Deputy Commissioners.